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## Minnesota Library Association

Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting

HIBBING PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 15-18, 1920

## INSPIRATION

Have you joined the delegation?  
You should have no hesitation.  
This is YOUR association;  
It will help your education;  
It will prove an inspiration,  
And the best of recreation.  
What a splendid combination!  
Have you made your reservation?

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## MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Program

The program for this year's meeting of the M. L. A. offers an opportunity which librarians and library trustees cannot afford to miss. The main theme of the program is community service and cooperation, and the speakers include some of the most wide-awake of our own members, as well as some from outside our ranks, who will bring us fresh inspiration from another point of view. It is expected that Miss Bogle, Asst. Sec'y of the A. L. A., and Miss Ahern, Editor of Public Libraries, will both be present and some of our representative Minnesota authors have received urgent invitations.

The trip to the Mesaba Iron Range is well worth while, not only because of its remarkable library development, but because the Range is unique in its variety of scenery and interest.

The libraries of the Range have united in planning a program of entertainment which shall give us an opportunity to see not only the libraries and schools, but the forest and peat land, ore dumps, open pit mines, etc. The Publicity Committee has issued a circular with copies of the program, giving full information regarding the beauties of the Range, and how to see them to best advantage.

### Routes

It is earnestly hoped that many trustees will make up auto parties for this trip. Every resident of Minnesota should be familiar with this interesting corner of his state. If you cannot come by auto, the full schedule of trains will be found in the folder and for quick service, the night trains from the Twin Cities to Duluth and the Duluth Mesaba and Northern from Duluth to Hibbing are recommended.

### Hotels

Accommodations may be secured at The Oliver and The Hibbing Hotels, with an overflow in the Hotel O'Neil at Chisholm, only twenty minutes away by street car, or auto-bus. Rates, \$1.50 per day and up. **Make reservations immediately** with Dorothy Hurlbert, Public Library, Hibbing, Minnesota.

### Expenses

The total expense of the trip, even with the increased fares, ranges from \$25 or \$30 from the Twin Cities to \$35 or \$40 from the

most distant parts of the state. Of course no librarian should be expected to pay her own expenses to this meeting. It should be included in the annual budget of the library, and if this is not sufficient to provide for it, the local commercial club or women's club should see to it that their town is properly represented.

### Committees

Under Miss Carey's term as president, the Minnesota Library Association has for the first time been active between its annual meetings. The committees appointed last spring have been at work and their reports will be presented at the first session at Hibbing. It was expected that these reports would be printed in full in Library Notes and News, but owing to the increased cost of printing, it has been necessary to cut down the size of the bulletin, so that only the names of the committees and outlines of their reports are published.

**County Library Extension:** Miss Baldwin, chairman; Miss Countryman, Minneapolis; Miss Maud van Buren, Owatonna; Mrs. C. F. Ewing, Wheaton; and Mr. E. J. Lien, State Library, St. Paul.

A complete revision of the library law has been drawn up and will become a part of the report of the State Board of Education to the Governor. The new features of the law are as follows: Providing for a county library tax, from which municipalities already taxed may be exempt upon petition of the council, approved by the library board; increase of the tax limit to three mills in all cities and villages; making the tax levy compulsory on **petition** of a majority of legal voters instead of by election; certification of librarians in libraries receiving state aid for library service to schools. More specific provisions for contracts are made, and an attempt has been made to make it possible to provide for library service in every conceivable situation in the state.

**Certification of Librarians:** Miss Wood, chairman; Mrs. J. T. Jennings, St. Paul; Miss Lura Hutchinson, Minneapolis; Mr. Russell, Univ. of Minn. Library; Miss Alice Farr, Mankato Normal; Miss Elizabeth Scripture, East High School, Minneapolis; Mrs. Alice Lamb, Litchfield.

The preliminary report of this committee was printed in full in March Library Notes and News. At a recent meeting of the committee the word **administrative** service was changed to **responsible** service in the

first grade, and two more classes were added to the Third Grade, including in this grade those who have had work in college or normal school and six weeks' summer school without experience.

**Standardization of Libraries:** Miss Hickman, chairman; Dr. Johnston, St. Paul; Miss Ruth Rosholt, Minneapolis; Miss Hurlbert, Hibbing; Miss Edith Crandall, Montevideo; Miss Hattie Marvin, Zumbrøta; Mrs. C. C. Perkins, Pine Island.

The committee has grouped the libraries of the state according to population, and proposes certain minimum standards as to number of volumes, circulation, staff and income.

**Enlarged Membership:** Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard, chairman; 1st dist., Tanya Burgess, Austin; 2nd dist., Janet Bain, Mankato, 3rd dist., Grace L. Meyer, Red Wing; 4th dist., Myra Buell, St. Paul; 5th dist., Arabel Martin, Minneapolis; 6th dist., Mrs. Marie E. Brick, St. Cloud; 7th dist., Mrs. Margaret A. McCord, Alexandria; 8th dist., Frances E. Earhart, Duluth, 9th dist., Ethel McCubrey, Moorhead; 10th dist., Mrs. Lillian Wheeler, Hopkins; The Range, Grace Stevens, Virginia. Complete reports have not yet been received, but the 5th and 7th districts and the Range have the best showing so far.

**Publicity Committee:** Miss Dorothy Hurlbert, Hibbing, chairman, Miss Ruth Rosholt, Minneapolis, Miss Clara Baldwin, St. Paul; Robert W. G. Vail, St. Paul.

The Publicity Committee has issued a circular letter with detailed program for the meeting and entertainment, and full information as to routes to Hibbing, hotels, expense, etc., and a copy has been furnished to the papers throughout the state. This committee in cooperation with the Who's Who Committee will conduct a bulletin board throughout the meeting.

**Who's Who Committee:** Sarah E. LeCrone, Faribault, chairman; Marie Todd, Minneapolis; Katherine Green, State Library, St. Paul; Evelyn C. Lyon, Medical Library, Univ. of Minn.; Della McGregor St. Paul; Alice Farr, State Normal, Mankato; Amy A. Lewis, Fergus Falls; Jean Stewart, Wadena; Ruth Ely, Duluth; Rev. L. R. S. Ferguson, St. Paul; Alma Penrose, Northfield; Maud van Buren, Owatonna; and all the Range librarians.

The slogan of this committee is, Hospitality—Information. Its duties will be

to see that those attending get acquainted, particularly that those engaged in special lines of work meet others who are interested in the same line.

### CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November 15th to 20th, 1920

("MORE BOOKS IN THE HOME!")

Children's Book Week, observed so successfully throughout the country in 1919, will be repeated this year during the week of November 15th. The Children's Librarians' Section of the American Library Association meeting in June at Colorado Springs voted hearty endorsement of the Children's Book Week plan. You will want to take part. The organizing committees need your co-operation.

The librarian is the recognized authority on children's reading in every city and town. It is particularly appropriate in November at the Christmas shopping season, to bring home to parents in a concerted way the cause of children's reading. All those interested in books, whether as author, publisher, librarian, bookseller, parent or teacher, are jointly concerned in this cause. In helping to make this a national effort, there will be articles in magazines and newspapers; the beautiful colored poster prepared last year by Jessie Willcox Smith will be used again and will be available soon; a syllabus of suggestions for the campaign will be mailed on request to librarians who will cooperate in the movement.

Talks in the library on children's reading by authors and teachers; talks at women's club meetings by children's librarians; story hours and talks in the bookstores by children's librarians; local newspaper articles; Christmas exhibits well advertised; all these and other features were successful last year in creating a desire for "More Books in the Home!" The book sellers are preparing for the week; the local Boy Scouts will cooperate with them and with you. Every librarian in the state should respond to this appeal to make Children's Book Week—November 15th to 20th—a success in her locality.

### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY TRAINING

Thirty-eight students completed the full course in the Summer School for Library Training, receiving certificates under the

rules proposed by the Committee of the M. L. A. Fifteen additional students attended lectures throughout the course and there were many other occasional visitors from the libraries of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Miss Sawyer's lectures in book selection, especially the two weeks' course in Fiction and Poetry, drew large and appreciative audiences.

The full course given this year totalled 97 hours, including 10 lessons in classification and 15 in cataloging given by Miss Penrose, 1 lesson each in order, accession, mechanical preparation, binding and mending and 6 lectures on reference work by Miss Scripture, 40 lectures on book-selection by Miss Sawyer, 10 lectures on children's books and school work given by Miss Wood and Miss McGregor, 7 lectures on administration by Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood, and 4 special lectures by Mr. McConnell, Miss Carey, Miss Rosholt nad Mr. Vail.

Mr. McConnell spoke to the class on Reunion day, Saturday morning, July 17th, on The library as an integral part of public education. He said that the future of the library hinges on the training of librarians, and that a librarian in order to serve her community must know more of the fields of work of her patrons than they do themselves. A round table discussion followed on the library legislation which is needed to put libraries on a proper basis as educational institutions.

Miss Carey, supervisor of state institution libraries, gave some interesting facts about institution libraries, which all librarians should have as part of their professional information. She outlined the work accomplished by the A. L. A. committee, which led to the well-organized hospital service during the war, and emphasized the adjustments which are necessary in institution work.

Miss Rosholt, of the Minneapolis public library, gave a practical talk on Library publicity, showing methods which had been used effectively in that library. Mr. Vail, librarian of the Historical Society, spoke on Robbing the junk-man, showing the necessity of preserving all material of historical value and urging every library to start its own local history collection and also to co-operate with the State Historical Society.

In the course in children's reading, Miss McGregor of the St. Paul public library, gave the talks on Picture books and bulletins, and on Natural science, illustrated by books, posters and lists.

In the general course in book-selection Miss McNeal of the Department of Education gave a practical talk on the books on home economics, and Mr. Dyer of the Department of Agriculture discussed the books in his field.

The location of the school at the University Farm proved advantageous in quiet, comfort and convenience of quarters. The cordial cooperation of Miss Harriet Sewall, librarian of the University Farm and her assistants was also greatly appreciated. As most of the class and the instructors lived in the dormitory there was an opportunity for better acquaintance and sociability. During the first week an "At home" was held in the Dormitory parlor, when Miss Mary A. Chase, of the University of Minnesota faculty, gave an entertaining account of her experiences in Getting into print and read one of her stories which has appeared in Harper's magazine. The St. Paul Library staff held a picnic on the campus one evening, followed by reports on the A. L. A. meeting at Colorado Springs, and lantern slides of Estes Park.

The following students were registered:

Stella M. Anderson, H. S. Libn., Worthington.

Mrs. Celeste E. Barnes, Asst. Northern Normal and Industrial School, Aberdeen, S. D.

Ethel Binney, Sch. Libn., Gilbert.

Mrs. H. L. Borgendale, Libn., P. L., Madison.

Carrie Braaten, Asst. P. L., Fargo, N. D.

Fay Cuzner, H. S. Libn., Little Falls.

Margaret Eaton, Asst. P. L., Virginia.

Harriet Elcock, Asst. State Normal School Library, Emporia, Kansas.

Edith L. Farwell, Libn. P. L., Zumbrota.

Dorothy M. Gaffney, St. Louis Park.

Josephine A. Guy, Sch. Libn., Ely.

Ruth M. Hall, Asst. University Farm Library, St. Paul.

Eunice M. Hummel, H. S. Libn., Farmington.

Ida Koch, Normal Training Dept., New Ulm.

Ada Liddell, Apprentice, Minnesota Historical Library, St. Paul.

Kathryn MacGregor, Libn. P. L., Bemidji.

Clara Marsh, Sch. Libn., Russell.

Marie D. Martinez, Libn., Northrop Collegiate School, Minneapolis.

Susan H. Mattson, Asst. P. L., Virginia.

Ellida Monson, Asst. P. L., Mankato.

Esther Olson, Asst. P. L., Duluth.

Mrs. Lulu E. Owens, Libn. Sch. and P. L., Princeton.

C. Amanda Quill, Sch. Libn., Clarkfield.

Mabel Rawlings, Libn., Consolidated Sch., Cloquet.

May Robertson, Asst. Nat'l Bd. and Tr. Sch. Libraries, Y. W. C. A., New York City.

Hazel L. Roche, Sch. Libn., Anoka.

Ethel M. Sauer, Sch. Libn., Two Harbors.

Elsa E. Schidlo, Sch. Libn., Buhl.

Mrs. Agnes M. Serle, Libn.-Elect., P. L., Fairmont.

Margaret Seward, Farmington.

Elsie Sundahl, Asst. P. L., Thief River Falls.

Esther Sundahl, Thief River Falls.

Nathalie L. Thompson, Asst. Art Dept., P. L., St. Paul.

Grace Tubbesing, Asst. P. L., Red Wing.

Ruth Van Tuyl, Subst. Asst., Lyndale Branch, Minneapolis.

Daphne Wagner, Sch. Libn., Dassel.

Gertrude Williams, Libn. P. L., Sisseton, S. D.

Lydia Zent, Asst. P. L., Fergus Falls.

#### CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB

The July meeting of the Clara Baldwin Library Club was held at Ely Lake, with the staff of the Eveleth Public Library as hostesses.

A report of the A. L. A. meeting at Colorado Springs was given by Celia Frost of Hibbing, and Miss Hurlbert outlined the plans for the M. L. A. meeting September 15 to 18.

At the annual election of officers which was held Miss Margaret Palmer of Chisholm was chosen as president and Miss Stella Stebbins of Mountain Iron, as secretary.

The Grand Rapids library board entertained the club at a picnic at Lake Pokegama, August 18th. The chief topic for discussion was the county library system.

#### BUYING LIST FOR SMALL LIBRARIES FICTION

**Conrad, Joseph.** Rescue. Doubleday.

\$2.00.

The rescue takes place in the South seas, where a man's endurance is tested to its limit. A characteristic story. One of his best.—A. L. A.

**Cutting, M. S.** Some of us are married.

Doubleday. \$1.75.

Slight, pleasant, semihumorous little stories of married life which have mostly appeared in magazines.

**Ferber, Edna.** Half portions. Doubleday.

\$1.75.

Simple human short stories with a war background about people "everybody knows" and Edna Ferber writes about."

**Gale, Zona.** Miss Lulu Bett. Appleton.

\$1.75.

"The sprawling diffusion of her earlier realism is here reduced to a rapid, almost brusque impressionism. The book is eloquent with condensation."—Atlantic bookshelf.

**Grey, Zane.** Man of the forest. Harper.

\$1.90.

Arizona adventures with more nature than usual in a western story. Men will like.

**Jones, S. C.** La Chance mine mystery.

Little. \$1.75.

For plot and swift action "The Chance mine mystery", with its charming love romance, in the setting of frozen forests, with their howling wolf packs, is a story of the great out-of-doors that will satisfy the most blasé reader.—N. Y. Times.

**Lincoln, J. C.** Portygee. Appleton. \$2.00.

The relations between a Cape Cod grandfather and his "Portygee" grandson. Characteristically Lincoln.

**Mackenzie, Compton.** Poor relations.

Harper. \$1.90.

An amusing story of a successful playwright in London, who was driven to matrimony by his tormenting poor relations, sisters, brothers-in-law and their children.—A. L. A.

**Montague, M. P.** Uncle Sam of Freedom

Ridge. Doubleday. \$1.00.

"None of her stories have equaled this in depth of significance, in the universality of its appeal to her countrymen, nor in the skill with which its homely touching tale is made to carry so great a wealth of meaning."—N. Y. Times.

**Nicholson, Meredith.** Black sheep! black

sheep! Scribner. \$1.75.

"Fantastic adventures of a neurasthenic young New Yorker who finds himself a member of a band of crooks, and forgets his nerves in real excitement."—A. L. A.

**Singmaster, Elsie.** Basil Everyman.

Houghton. \$1.90.

The influence of a man who died long before the time of the story upon the members of the community.

The underlying thought is the right of young people to decide their lives for themselves.

**Swinnerton, Frank.** September. Doran.

\$1.90.

"A subtle and beautifully worked out analysis of the character and reactions of a lovely woman, thirty-eight years old, long since disillusioned about her marriage, when she finds herself in love with a younger man. She is contrasted with a younger girl who loves the same man."—A. L. A.

**Williams, B. A.** Great accident. Macmillan. \$2.00.

Story of how responsibility made a man of "Wint" Chase. He was elected mayor as a joke on his father and in hopes, because he was a drunkard, he would favor a "wet" town. Because everyone thought he would fail he decided to "show them"—which he did.

#### NON-FICTION

**Baker, R. S.** New industrial unrest. Doubleday. \$2.00. 331.8

"Americanization, political action, welfare work, the shop council system, and the cooperative movement. The Survey believes that on the whole there is perhaps no other single book which discusses the subject so well and so truthfully."—A. L. A.

**Blanchard, P. M.** Adolescent girl. Moffat. \$2.50. 612.8 or 131

Valuable summary of the main theories of Fichte, Schelling, Von Hartmann, Bergson, Freud, Trotter, Adler, Jung, Maeder, and others. Of interest to a wider audience than the title suggests.—A. L. A.

- Commons, J. R.** Races and immigrants in America. Macmillan. \$0.75. 325  
One of Macmillan's "Standard library," written by an authority. Good for immigration and Americanization work.
- Crawford, M. C.** In the days of the Pilgrim fathers. Little. \$3.00. 973.2  
A tercentenary history not written with an eye to historical completeness of narration, but picking up out-of-the-way bits of lore to add to the old story.—A. L. A.
- Dresser, H. W.** Open vision. Crowell \$2.00.  
A consideration of the inner guidance, interior perceptions, and impressions which may be charged to psychic faculties. Will please lovers of the mystical rather than readers caring for hammer blows of conclusive evidence.—A. L. A.
- Graves, F. P.** What did Jesus teach? Macmillan. \$1.75. 232  
These studies approach the subject from the viewpoint of the confused or doubting person, without attempting great depth of research, come to common sense appreciation of the character of Jesus stripped of the sentimentality and legend which has grown up around Him.—A. L. A.
- Hannay, J. O. (G. A. Birmingham, pseud.)** An Irishman looks at his world. Doran. \$2.00. 914.15  
Dispassionate discourses on Irish life, politics, religions, scholars, culture, education, etc., written in a light entertaining style. His conclusion is that religion, education and family life are more important to Ireland than the form of the state.—A. L. A.
- Husband, Joseph.** Americans by adoption. Atlantic mo. press. \$1.50. 920  
Biographical sketches of famous foreign-born Americans whose lives were symbols of the best citizenship. Contents: Stephen Girard, John Ericsson, Louis Agassiz, Carl Schurz, Theodore Thomas, Andrew Carnegie, J. J. Hill, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Jacob Riis.
- Keynes, J. M.** Economic consequences of the peace. Harcourt. \$2.50. 940.9  
"It may well be that the historians will agree that the publication of this book is the most important event since the armistice."—P. D. Cravath.
- Stoddart, J. T.** Case against spiritualism. Doran. \$1.50. 134  
A brief, comprehensive, up-to-date exposition of the arguments against spiritualism dealing mainly with spiritualism in the war period and after.—Wis. lib. bulletin.
- Thayer, W. R.** Theodore Roosevelt. Grosset. \$1.00. 921  
"By the well-known biographer, who was a college mate and friend of Roosevelt for forty years. He disclaims any intention of writing a deliberate eulogy." Published in the fall of 1919 at \$5.00.
- JUVENILE**
- Abbott, J. L.** Happy house. Lippincott. \$1.60.  
Both hero and heroine assume names when they go into a rural neighborhood, he to work at something wholesome after the war, she to help a friend who preferred going to Russia to going to her relatives whom she did not know. Girls from twelve on will like it.
- Griffis, W. E.** Belgian fairy tales. Crowell. \$1.25. 398  
Each story is fascinating, as its title indicates, and the writer has managed to instill into the volume a great deal of the atmosphere and setting of the country. Springfield Rep.
- Kelley, R. E.** Book of Hallowe'en. Lothrop. \$1.50. 394  
Gives the origin and history and the customs celebrating the holiday with verses and a few longer poems illustrating customs.—A. L. A.
- Lindsay, M. M.** Bobby and the big road. Lothrop. \$1.50.  
A pleasant story of a little boy who lived on the highway leading to town. Walks along the road bring him delightful friendships with plants, birds and other animals and with a little lame boy and with a little girl who rides in a big car. Will be enjoyed by children from 3-6. Well written and illustrated with several full page colored pictures.—A. L. A.
- Meiklejohn, N. L.** Cart of many colors. Dutton \$1.65. 914.5  
Story of present-day Italy, but bringing in much of history, manners, description, biography and legends. Attractive. Published in "Little school mate series" with an introduction by Florence Converse explaining the place of the Italian immigrant in our country and our attitude to him.
- Silvers, E. R.** Dick Arnold of Raritan college. Appleton. \$1.75.  
A good football story with the kind of excitement and vigorous characters that boys like. Brings out the ideal of moral courage.—A. L. A.
- Slusser, E. Y.** Stories of Luther Burbank and his plant life. Scribner. \$0.88. 921 or B  
Interesting things about the life of Burbank together with much simple entertaining information about his work with plants. Illustrated beautifully in color. A distinctly readable science book for the grades.
- Schulz, J. W.** Rising Wolf. Houghton. \$1.50.  
True adventure story of Indian days, of a sixteen year old boy's first winter among the Blackfoot, Crows, and other Indians on a journey for the Hudson Bay Company.—A. L. A.
- Stewart, Mary.** Tell me a hero story. Revell. \$1.25. 808.8  
Attractive collection of Egyptian, East Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Serbian, Norse, French, Irish, English, Polish, and American hero tales taken from folk literature.
- Taggart, M. A.** Pilgrim maid. Doubleday. \$1.60.  
Story of a pilgrim maid who is an aid to the colonists in their first winters of famine and illness. \* \* Interesting though accentuating the severity of Puritan life.—A. L. A.

## CURRENT MINNESOTA LITERATURE

An index to books and magazine articles relating to Minnesota of today, compiled by the staff of the St. Paul Public Library

**Birds.** A review of the winter visitant birds in Minnesota for the season 1919-20. C. Phillips. Fins, Feathers and Fur. No. 22, p. 2-4, June 1920.

**Cheese.** Cheese producers organize for marketing. Farmer 38:1871-1872, 1884. Ag. 7, 1920.

**Cold Storage.** Cold storage warehouse at Worthington. II. Improvement bulletin 56:6, July 31, 1920.

**Electric Railways—Duluth.** Duluth men urge fare referendum. Electric Railway, J. 56:283, Ag. 7, 1920.

**Ely, Minnesota. Description.** The gateway to Minnesota's famous playground. D. Hough. Western M. 16:65-68. Ag. 1920.

**English language—Study and teaching.** Winona, Minnesota. A. E. Winship. J. of Education. 91:36-37. Jl. 8, 1920.

**Fort Snelling.** Fort Snelling and its history. Western M. 16:44-46, Jl. 1920.

**Health.** Health course for rural teachers established by Dr. Ulrich. Am. Red Cross. No. Division Bulletin 3:1, Jl. 26, 1920.

**Hunting.** A successful moose hunt in northern Minnesota by one of the party. Hunter-Trader-Trapper, 40:23-25, Jl. 1920.

—. Hunting big game in Minnesota at 30 below. W. B. Altsheler. Outdoor Life, 46:15-17, 93-95. Jl. 4, 1920.

—. (Prairie chicken.) All America field trials for Minnesota. Fins, Feathers, and Fur No. 2, p. 9.

**Indians—War Activities.** The last Indian uprising in the United States. Leech Lake, Minn. Minn. Hist. Bul. 3:273-290. F., 1920.

**Iron mining.** Mesabi Iron Co., at Babbitt, Minn., to be visited by the institute. Mining and metallurgy, Jl., 1920. P. 22.

—. Mesaba range in narrative form. Skilling's Mining R. Mr. 13-Ag. 7, 1920. Series dealing with discovery, exploration and development of region.

**Minnesota State Federation of Labor.** State labor convention. Union Labor Bul. p. 1-4, Jl. 1920.

**Non-partisan league.** Minnesota Primaries. Ind. 103:49-50, Jl. 10, 1920.

—. A Minnesota victory. Outlook 125:442, Jl. 7, 1920.

**Parks. Minneapolis.** Progressive park work in Minneapolis. Park and Cemetery 30:106-08, Je. 1920.

**Potatoes.** Minnesota potato exchange now in operation. B. H. Akers, Farmer 38: 1911-1912, Ag. 14, 1920.

—. New Minnesota potato grades. Farmer 38:1808, 1816, Jl. 24, 1920.

**Public Health.** Minneapolis agencies federate. Survey 44:527, Jl. 17, 1920.

**Roads.** Minnesota state road contracts in 1920. Eng. & Contr. 53:25. Ja. 5, 1920.

—. Oiled. Oiling Hennepin county roads. E. E. Terrell. Il. Public Works 8: 78-9, F. 7, 1920.

**St. Paul, Description.** St. Paul. Western M. 16:57-64. Ag. 1920.

**School grounds.** Practical adornment for rural school grounds. F. H. Nutter. Minn. Hort. 48:193-200. Jl. 1920.

**South St. Paul.** Let's go to South St. Paul—The home of the Hook 'Em Cows. W. A. Williams, Il. Western M. 16:76-79. Ag. 1920.

**State Fair 1920.** Minnesota's 1920 State fair. R. P. Spear. Western M. 16:69-74. Ag. 1920.

**Street railroads. St. Paul and Minneapolis.** Street railway arbitration board completes its work. S. P. A. Official bulletin 5:1, Jl. 24, 1920.

**Telephone. St. Paul.** Unification complete in St. Paul. Telephony 79:17-18, August 7, 1920.

**Telephone rates.** Minnesota takes up rate return. Telephony 79:12-14, Jl. 24, 1920.

**Trees, St. Paul.** Tree planting in the city of St. Paul. Municipal and County Eng. 59:9-10, Jl. 1920.

**Trout.** Beaver make for better trout fishing. Fins, Feathers and Fur. No. 20, p. 10, June, 1920.

#### ABOUT THE LIBRARY WORKERS ASSOCIATION

To those interested in securing experienced assistants or for those assistants wishing to find a larger field of work, the Library Workers Association comes as a practical aid in the solution of their problems. It was organized April 30, 1920, under a temporary constitution, to be revised and adopted in its permanent form at a meeting in September. Its aim is to further the welfare of all library workers as affected by employment conditions and opportunities; that is, it helps to find better positions for workers, and it helps librarians to find workers to fill vacancies.

The association takes all possible steps to serve its members. It cooperates with other organizations in related fields, such as the American Library Association, the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and others. Opportunities to advertise the Association and get into touch with any movement that will benefit it, are eagerly sought for. The organization is a cooperative and self-assessing one. Its interests and those of its individual members are the same; and its purpose is to advance the latter as far as its powers and resources permit.

Its growth in membership, and the requests for aid it has received proves that it fills a real need. It needs particularly, mem-

bers who will be interested in positions paying from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Detailed information about such positions, and about the Association itself, may be obtained from Catherine Van Dyne, Secretary, Library Workers Association, 5 Washington Street, Newark, N. J.

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Touchstone, Nov. 1919, v. 6.  
World's Work, June, 1917, v. 34; Nov. and Dec. 1919, v. 39.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
Owatonna, Minn.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

To meet the advance in cost of freight and local cartage, it has been necessary to increase the transportation fee for traveling libraries. After October 1st, the fee for a library of 50 volumes will be \$2.00 and for a library of 25 volumes, \$1.00.

L. E. C.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

While it is hoped that school superintendents and librarians will find all parts of Library Notes and News of interest, this column is especially addressed to them. Additional information on school libraries will be gladly furnished.

##### New Buildings

Library equipment has been standardized and the usefulness and attractiveness of the library in your school will be greatly increased if National Standards are followed.

**Location.** Locate the library with reference to the needs of the school and community, providing for growth.

**Space.** Provide seats for ten per cent of the students **with ample floor space** to allow them to move about freely without

creating a disturbance. A crowded room cannot be quiet, orderly and conducive to concentrated application or the enjoyment of books. A live library is a growing library, and **space** must be allowed for expansion.

**Materials.** Remember that good furniture outlives several generations. Simple, substantial, well seasoned and well finished equipment is an economy.

**Shelves.** Build plain wooden shelving **without doors**, not more than six shelves high, bringing the books within the reach of the smaller pupils.

Shelf dimensions: Length, 36"; depth, 8"; thickness,  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch; clear space between shelves, 10". Metal screw pins are best. Easily adjusted shelves are necessary because a book collection grows and must be shifted. The base should be 6" high and the cornice 4".

**Tables.** Select plain tables without drawers or foot boards. Table dimensions: Height, 30"; width, 3'; length, 5'. Each table will seat six pupils, a good number for quiet reading.

**Chairs.** Select well built chairs with saddle seats and without arms.

**Desks.** The librarian's desk should be specially designed. Plans to suit different sized libraries will be furnished upon application.

**Filing cabinet.** The vertical file for pamphlets, pictures and other materials is imperative if the library is to be orderly and efficient.

**Card catalog case.** The catalog case should be most carefully selected. Drawers of standard size with rods, and good workmanship are required for the catalog, which is the key to the contents of the books, and should be the most used record in the library.

Consult Martha Wilson's School library management, published by the H. W. Wilson Co., New York, for further details.

##### M. E. A. Library Meeting

The Library Section of the M. E. A. in November will be of special interest to superintendents and to all engaged or planning to engage in school library work. Put the Library Meeting on your calendar. You are needed. There will be two sessions, one devoted to the development of rural and elementary library work, and the other to high school library work. There will be round table discussions in which the library experiences of the year will be related.

### List of School Librarians

The N. E. A. wishes a list of the school librarians in Minnesota. While a large number of replies have been received, both to the questionnaire of Dec. 1919, and the report blank sent out this summer, some schools have not been heard from and we are anxious to complete the list early in September. A prompt reply will be appreciated.

### Supplements to School Lists

A supplement to the Minnesota list of library books for high schools has been prepared. It will still be necessary to use the list compiled by Miss Wilson in 1917-18, although some of the books are out of print. The 1920-21 supplement to the list for elementary schools is also ready. These lists will be distributed to all city and county superintendents and to others upon request.

### Outlines of Library Instruction

Lack of space has made the publication of the outlines of library instruction impossible. Typed copies will be sent upon request.

H. A. W.

### PERSONAL

Mr. James T. Gerould, librarian of the University of Minnesota, has resigned to become librarian of Princeton University.

The news of the resignation of Miss Margaret M. Doty, for more than two years reference librarian for the Library Division, will be received with sincere regret by the clubs and schools which she has served so faithfully.

Miss Gladys M. Brown, Little Falls, has been appointed acting assistant librarian and began work August 23rd.

Miss Amy C. Moon has been appointed Chief of the Catalog Division of the St. Paul Public Library. Miss Moon is a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School, and following her graduation was for two years instructor in the school. From there she went to the catalog department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh where she remained for several years, being head cataloger when she resigned to accept the position in St. Paul.

Miss Grace M. Foland of Benson, formerly assistant in the catalog department, Minneapolis Public Library, has been en-

gaged as cataloger in the Faribault Public Library.

Miss Mary P. Pringle, formerly reference librarian with the Library Commission, has gone to Hawaii as Department Librarian in charge of the libraries in the army posts on the islands.

Miss Miriam M. Davis, for thirty years reference librarian of the Minneapolis public library, was married August 14th to Dr. James Wallace, head of the department of religious education at Macalester College, St. Paul.

Miss Lura Hutchinson, who has been in charge of the training class, has been appointed reference librarian.

Miss Sue L. Sprague, librarian of Mapleton, was married July 3rd to Charles A. Andrews and will be at home in Winchendon, Mass.

Mrs. John Johnston has been elected librarian to succeed her.

Miss Eda Tanke, Wisconsin Library School, 1920, has been elected librarian at Cloquet, and began work in July. Miss Tanke has had previous library experience in the public library at Pendleton, Indiana, and also in the Brumback library of Van Wert Co., Ohio.

Miss Minnie Bird, librarian of Fairmont, Minn., has presented her resignation to take effect January 1st, 1921, when she will complete twenty-five years of service in the library.

Mrs. Agnes Serle, who will succeed Miss Bird, attended the Summer Library School.

Miss Alice V. Steffens, librarian at Spring Valley, has resigned her position to take charge of one of the girls' cottages at Carleton College, Northfield, and assist in the College Library. Miss Edna Albro has been elected her successor.

Miss Hattie Marvin, librarian at Zumbrota, has resigned her position as she will in future make her home in California.

Miss Edith L. Farwell has become librarian at Zumbrota and attended the Summer School for Library Training.

Miss Ellen Scott, children's librarian at Virginia, died of burns, caused by drying her hair over the gas in the kitchenette of the library. The library was closed for several days in her memory. Although Miss Scott had been in Virginia only a few months she had made many friends and her tragic death

was a great shock to her library associates and to the public.

Miss Sigma Niemi, of Eveleth, substituted in the children's department at Virginia until August 1st, when Miss Claire Nolte, Wisconsin University and Library School, 1918, took charge. Miss Nolte was formerly children's librarian at Clinton, Iowa.

Miss Frances Gandsey, who has completed the course in library work at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, has returned to the Chisholm public library as children's librarian.

Miss Winifred Lewis, assistant in the Chisholm public library has resigned to accept a position as librarian of the Hyde County library, Hithmore, North Dakota.

Mrs. Clarence Winkwerder, a former member of the Hibbing library staff, will substitute in the library during the coming year, in place of Miss Esther Friedman, who will attend the Wisconsin Library School this fall.

The Fergus Falls Public Library has suffered an irreparable loss in the passing away of Miss M. Jane Featherston, the beloved and popular Children's Librarian. For several years Miss Featherston has been a most efficient and trustworthy assistant. Her charming personality, high character, and devotion to duty endeared her to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

After the disastrous cyclone of June 22nd, 1920, when the library was almost a complete wreck, she labored with all her might to salvage the books and other property. She put her shoulder to the burden, and worked so cheerily amid the dirt and disorder that her very presence was an inspiration to her fellow workers.

In December last she underwent an operation which supposedly was successful, and at the end of January returned to the position. She loved her work, and the children all loved her. Her indomitable spirit kept her up, but she failed day by day, and at the end of March was forced to resign. After four months of patiently borne suffering she passed to her heavenly home in the early morning of July 6th, 1920.

A. A. L.

The county unit for library service is a co-operative agency which will bring equal book privileges to city and country at minimum expense.

## NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Library Director by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

**Chisholm.** The first floor of the library will be redecorated, and additional equipment for the club rooms will be purchased.

**Duluth.** An effort to increase the library budget to provide for adequate salaries is receiving the hearty support of Duluth citizens.

**Fergus Falls.** The public library has been closed for several weeks during the summer while the interior was completely renovated, to repair the damage done by the cyclone. The library board has asked the council to increase the library tax from 2 mills to 2.5 mills, in order to provide for adequate service to meet the increasing demands on the library. The board of education will also increase the appropriation for school work which is done under contract with the public library.

**Northome.** The public library, which was destroyed by fire last fall, has been reopened with a collection of about 300 volumes the gifts of the St. Cloud Reading Room Society, the St. Charles library and the American Library Association.

**St. Paul.** Mr. Henry Harcourt Horn has recently presented the St. Paul Public Library with a collection of over a hundred rare old books, mostly Greek and Latin classics, ranging in date of publication from 1542 to the 19th century. They include examples from the presses of some of the famous early printers, such as Froben, Plantin and the Elzevirs.

The Social Science Department of the St. Paul Public Library has recently added to its file of bibliographies lists on "Accounting and bookkeeping," "Salesmanship," and "Office work."

The Juvenile Department of the St. Paul Public Library has recently issued two reading lists: "Out-of-doors books; a selected list for boys and girls on natural science," which lists some of the books found most useful in conducting the flower, bird and tree contests; and "Doll stories, a selected list of books for little girls," which contains in addition to the doll stories titles on home-made dolls, paper dolls, how to dress a doll, etc.

**South Stillwater.** The combined school and public library, housed in an appropriate room in the new school, has about 1000 books. The library opened in January, 1920, with about 500 volumes, but by popular subscriptions amounting to \$165.00, and gifts of books, it was increased to the present total. The hours are from seven to nine o'clock two evenings a week for the public, and specially arranged periods for the children during school sessions. Since the library opened to the first of June, 1737 books had been loaned.

**Virginia.** The library was advertised in a recent parade by a large float bearing the slogan, "Books for everybody." Books are distributed in eleven different centers outside the city besides the regular branches in the city.

**Wadena.** The library board presented a budget to the village council and received an appropriation of \$720 for the ensuing year. The members of the library board have all joined the Minnesota Library Association.